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Dear Fellow Public Service Colleagues & Friends-

On April 25th, the Tennessee state legislature passed HB 2315, which requires local law enforcement agencies to comply with federal requests to detain immigrants without a warrant or probable cause. This bill invites racial profiling by law enforcement and vigilantism by regular citizens. This would even extend to local University campus police on college campuses. Thus, even higher educational campuses will no longer be a safe haven for students and their hopes for an education. Despite questions regarding the constitutionality of the bill, its overreaching scope and unclear language not to mention its negative effects on Tennessee's immigrant community, the bill now awaits Governor Haslam's final approval.

If this bill sounds familiar, you may have seen where TN State Representative Jay Reedy, a proponent of the bill, referenced immigrants as
"... a wetback," more than once.

As the Chairman of Shelby County's Law Enforcement, Corrections and Courts Committee, I am personally and professionally opposed to this legislation. I would pray our Governor would veto and not sign this legislation.

Sheriff Oldham, Director Rallings, SCDAG Weirich, Chief Public Defender Bush, Attorney Pascover, while I know you must implement and abide by our laws, I am proactively asking if this legislation will negatively affect your deputies, officers, staff, prosecutors and defense attorney's abilities and it's greater affect on Memphis & Shelby County. Are we prepared for this? I won't ask if you agree or disagree with the proposed legislation, but if you are prepared if this legislation is signed?

As a Shelby County Commissioner and life long citizen of Tennessee, I will be asking Governor Haslam to do the right thing and veto HB 2315. We are better than this in Tennessee and most certainly in Shelby County. I am hopeful my Shelby County Commissioners and City Council colleagues will join in my concerns as I plan to offer up a resolution immediately asking the Governor for thoughtful re-consideration and stop this effort.

Leaders, I would kindly ask for your feedback as it relates to my questions as to being prepared with the

local enforcement and ramifications?

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